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Social Aide Here Tagged Oswald Before Dallas

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Washington (News Bureau)—A psychiatric study of Lee Harvey Oswald, drawn up by a staff member of the Bronx, N.Y., Youth House 10 years before the assassination of John F. Kennedy, was tragically borne out by the events in Dallas, FBI files show.

An unidentified social worker from the house, ut 1221 Spofford Ave. told the New York Family Court that Oswald then 13 and often truant, was " a seriously deteched, withdrawn youngster . . laconic and taciturn," a loner "with fantasies about being powerful and sometimes hurting or killing people." She was right on target according to no less an authority than the late FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover.

In words that unknowingly echoed the psychiatric report, Hoover said in an internal FBI memorandum on the day of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963, that "our agents view him (Oswald) as a nut as he freezes up and withdrawn into himself when he i s being questioned as he did this afternoon down in Dallas."

Veil Between Him, Others

Described in 1953 as an "emotionally starved, affectionless youngster," Oswald was said to have "detached himself from the world around him because no one in it ever met any of his needs and love ... He feels almost as if there is a veil between him and other people through which they cannot reach him, but he prefers this veil to remain intact."

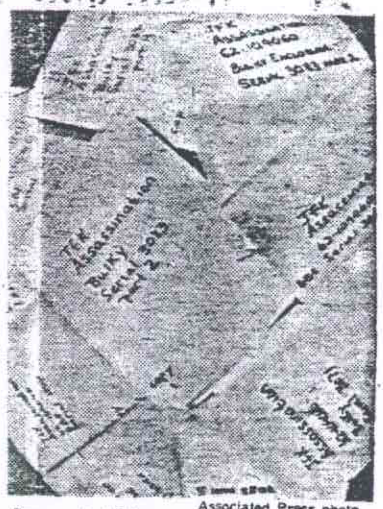
Oswald's father, an insurance agent, died of a hear attack two months before Oswald was born, and hismother, Marguerite, was described by the Bronx social worker as "a rigid, self-involved woman with strong ideas and ... little understanding of this boy's behavior nor of the protective shell he has drawn around himself in his effort to aovid contact with people which may result in hurt for him."

'Can Be Reached'

There qas hope in the report, however. "We gained the definite impression that Lee can be reached through contact with an understanding and very patient psychotherapist and if he could be drawn at the same time into group psychotherapy," the report said. "He had a score of IQ 118 on the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for children."

But Oswald's mother strongly rejected any such assistance, and "consistently refused to contact" Oswald's parole officer, giving as her excuse the wxigencies of her job in a Brooklyn department store.

In January 1954, the Oswalds, mother and son, moved from New York, and that was the last time the Family Court heard of Lee until Nov. 22, 1963.



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Some of folders released on assassination of President Kennedy.

FBI Pondered: Was Marina Oswald a Spy?

Washington (News Bureau) — She appeared to the world as the frightened widow of the President's assassin. She could barely speak English and seemed overwhelmed, though not surprised, that her husband, Lee, had done what he did.

But was Marina Oswald really a Russian spy? In the initial investigation of the President's assassination, that possibility was discussed.

FBI documents released this week quote an unnamed Soviet intelligence source as stating that he believed "Oswald and his wife had some connection with the Russian Intelligence service."

The informant, whose name was blacked out in the files released to the press and public, was believed to be Yuri Nosenko, a ranking member of the Soviet KGB who had spent years being debriefed by U.S. authorities following his defection in the 1960s.

The FBI memo quotes the informant as questioning the ease with which Oswald and his wife were able to leave Russia for the United States after Oswald had defected to Russia. The memo said of Marina: "... either (she was) an uneducated peasant type and considered safe to leave the Soviet Union or had connections with the Soviet ingelligence service."

The informant ended by saying that Marina "should be observed closely and thoroughly interrogated."

Marina Oswald, now remarried, has always contended that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.